

# PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCE SURVEY



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## **Survey Instructions**

*	Make sure you have the respondent's face sheet available when conducting the interview, since you are directed to refer to it at various points during the interview.
*	Text read to the respondent is in mixed case. Text just for you is in all CAPS (with the exception of the Interviewer Comments Section).
*	Please answer every question by checking <b>one</b> box,  unless instructed to "Check all that apply," in which case multiple boxes may be checked.
*	Do not leave any questions blank. If the respondent does not answer an item, check the box for "No Response."
*	Record <b>only</b> responses provided by the respondent.
*	Some questions require you to write in the respondent's answer, like the example below. Please record the respondent's verbatim response as best you can.
	66. What kind of work do you do? (SPECIFY)
*	Some questions are skipped over in this survey. When this is necessary, an arrow directs you to the next question to be asked, like the example below.
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*	If there is no arrow next to a response category, like the "YES" response above, please continue with the very next item in the sequence.
*	Some items have instruction boxes, like the example below. These boxes are intended to provide you with additional information or instructions. Do not read these to the respondent.
	Refer to the face sheet for the case manager's or support coordinator's name.  1 NAMES CASE MANAGER/SUPPORT COORDINATOR  2 DOES NOT NAME CASE MANAGER/SUPPORT COORDINATOR  4 UNCLEAR RESPONSE  9 NO RESPONSE
*	Some questions are in bold, these are the core questions for program participants with severe cognitive impairments. For more detail about using the core questions, see p. 16 in the Users' Guide.

### PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCE SURVEY MR/DD

Hello, my name is	and I am from	How are you today? Thank you agair
for letting me come ta	alk with you. I am very interested in	hearing about your life and how happy you are with
the help you get from	n your support staff. If you have a	any questions, please stop me and ask me. Also
please let me know if	you do not understand a question of	or if you would like me to repeat it. Are you ready to
begin?		

	Case	ID#: Interviewer Name:
	A.	Choice and Control
	The fi	rst questions I'd like to ask you have to do with where you live.
	1.	How long have you lived (in your home/here)?
If appropriate,	1	YEARS MONTHS
round to the nearest number of years. Estimates are fine.		7 UNSURE 8 UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9 NO RESPONSE
	2.	Do you like where you live?
		1  YES 2  NO 3  SOMETIMES 7  UNSURE 8  UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9  NO RESPONSE
	3.	Did you help pick (this/that) place to live?
		1  YES 2  NO 7  UNSURE 8  UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9  NO RESPONSE

Date:

	4.	CODE LIVING SITUATION AS INDICATED ON FACE SHEET.
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	5.	According to, you live with (housemates/your family/by yourself). Is that right? (CHECK CORRECT CATEGORY)
Refer to face sheet for respondent's living situation and the name of the person providing background information.	7	HOUSEMATES →Skip to Q.8  FAMILY →Skip to Q.7  ALONE  UNSURE →Skip to Q.11  UNCLEAR RESPONSE →Skip to Q.11  NO RESPONSE →Skip to Q.11
	6.	Did you choose to live alone?
		1

7.	Would you rather live with other people?
	1
8.	Do you like the people you live with?
	1 YES 2 NO 7 UNSURE 8 UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9 NO RESPONSE
9.	Do you share a bedroom in your home?
	1
10.	Did you help pick the person who shares your bedroom?
	1 YES 2 NO 7 UNSURE 8 UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9 NO RESPONSE

11.	Now let's	s talk about the people who help you. Do you help pick your support staff?
	1	NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.13
12.	Would yo	ou like to help pick your support staff?
	1	
13.	Did you l	know you can change your support staff if you want?
	1	YES NO UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE
14.	Do you t	tell your support staff what to help you with?
	1	YES →Skip to Q.16 NO SOMETIMES →Skip to Q.16 UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE →Skip to Q.16 NO RESPONSE →Skip to Q.16

15.	Would yo	u like to tell them the things you want help with?
	1	YES NO UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE
16.	When yo	u are at home, can you eat when you want to?
		YES NO SOMETIMES UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE
17.	Can you	watch TV when you want to?
		YES NO SOMETIMES UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE
18.	Can you	go to bed when you want to?
	1	YES NO SOMETIMES UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE

	19.	Can you be by yourself when you want to?
		1  YES 2  NO 3  SOMETIMES 7  UNSURE 8  UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9  NO RESPONSE
	20.	If there is something wrong with the help you are getting, who do you talk with to get the problem fixed? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)
Probe, if necessary, to place the response in the appropriate category.		NO ONE  NO ONE  NO ONE  NO ONE  NO ONE  NO ONE  NO CASE MANAGER/SUPPORT COORDINATOR/OTHER STAFF  UNSURE  UNSURE  UNCLEAR RESPONSE  NO RESPONSE
	21.	Who is your case manager or support coordinator?
Refer to the face sheet for the case manager's or support coordinator's name.		NAMES CASE MANAGER/SUPPORT COORDINATOR DOES NOT NAME CASE MANAGER/SUPPORT COORDINATOR UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE

22.	Can you talk to your case manager or support coordinator when you need to?		
	1 YES 2 NO 3 SOMETIMES 7 UNSURE 8 UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9 NO RESPONSE 95 NOT APPLICABLE – HAS NOT TRIED		
23.	Does your case manager or support coordinator help you when you ask for something?		
	1 YES 2 NO 3 SOMETIMES 7 UNSURE 8 UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9 NO RESPONSE 95 NOT APPLICABLE – HAS NOT ASKED		
24.	What do you do during the day? (SPECIFY)		
	BOX 1		
	REVIEW RESPONSE AT Q.24.		
	IF RESPONDENT HAS A FORMAL DAILY ACTIVITY, ASK Q.25.		

OTHERWISE, SKIP TO Q.27.

25.	Do you like your (job/day program/volunteer work)?	
	1	YES NO SOMETIMES UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE
26.	Did you h	nelp pick the (job/day program/volunteer work) you go to now?
	1	YES →Skip to Q.30 NO →Skip to Q.30 UNSURE →Skip to Q.30 UNCLEAR RESPONSE →Skip to Q.30 NO RESPONSE →Skip to Q.30
27.	Do you w	vant to work?
	1	YES NO UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE
28.	Would yo	ou like to go to a day program?
	1	YES NO UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE

29. Would you like to do volunteer work
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1 YES

2 NO

7 UNSURE

8 UNCLEAR RESPONSE

9 NO RESPONSE

### B. Respect/Dignity

Next I would like to ask some questions about how your support staff treat you.

30. Do the support staff who come to your home respect you? YES Refer to the face sheet for names of NO home support UNSURE staff. ☐ UNCLEAR RESPONSE ☐ NO RESPONSE NO STAFF IN HOME → Skip to Q.33 Do the support staff who come to your home say "please" and "thank you" 31. when they ask you for something? YES NO 7 ☐ UNSURE 8 UNCLEAR RESPONSE **NO RESPONSE** 32. Do the support staff who come to your home listen carefully to what you ask them to do? YES NO 7 ☐ UNSURE **UNCLEAR RESPONSE** NO RESPONSE

	33.	Do the support staff in other places, such as at work, or at a day program, respect you?
Jse specifics from face sheet about services provided butside the home and staff names.		1
	34.	Do the support staff in other places, such as at work, or at a day program, say "please" and "thank you" when they ask for something?
		1  YES 2  NO 7  UNSURE 8  UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9  NO RESPONSE
	35.	Do the support staff in other places, such as at work, or at a day program, listen carefully to what you ask them to do?
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	36.	Do you use a van to get to the places you need to go, such as work or the doctor's office?
		1
	37.	Do the support staff on the van respect you?
Use specifics from face sheet about services provided outside the home and staff names.		1  YES 2  NO 7  UNSURE 8  UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9  NO RESPONSE
	38.	Do the support staff on the van say "please" and "thank you" when they ask for something?
		1 YES 2 NO 7 UNSURE 8 UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9 NO RESPONSE
	39.	Do the support staff on the van listen carefully to what you ask them to do?
		1

	40.	Do people ever come into your room when you don't want them to?
		1  YES 2  NO 7  UNSURE 8  UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9  NO RESPONSE
	41.	Does anyone take your things without asking first?
Reminder: Refer to your tate's policy on eporting for any uspected ncidents of abuse and neglect. Record only eports of current buse.		1
	42.	What happens? Would you like to tell someone about this? (SPECIFY)
	43.	Who takes your things without asking first? (SPECIFY)

	44.	How do you know (this person/these people)? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)
Probe, if necessary, to place the response in the appropriate category.		SUPPORT STAFF AT HOME SUPPORT STAFF SOMEWHERE ELSE HOUSEMATE FAMILY/FRIEND OTHER (SPECIFY) UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE
	45.	Does anyone ever do mean things to you, such as yell at you?
Reminder: Refer to your state's policy on reporting for any suspected incidents of abuse and neglect. Record only reports of current abuse.		1
	46.	What happens? Would you like to tell someone about this? (SPECIFY)
	47.	Who is mean to you or yells at you? (SPECIFY)

	48.	How do you know (this person/these people)? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)
Probe, if necessary, to place the response in the appropriate category.		SUPPORT STAFF AT HOME SUPPORT STAFF SOMEWHERE ELSE HOUSEMATE FAMILY/FRIEND OTHER (SPECIFY) UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE
	49.	Does anyone ever hit you or hurt your body?
Reminder: Refer to your state's policy on reporting for any suspected incidents of abuse and neglect. Record only reports of current abuse.		1
	50.	What happens? Would you like to tell someone about this? (SPECIFY)
	51.	Who hits you or hurts your body? (SPECIFY)

52. How do you know (this person/these people)? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Probe, if	1 ☐ SUPPORT STAFF AT HOME	
necessary, to	2 SUPPORT STAFF SOMEWHERE ELSE	·
place the	3 ☐ HOUSEMATE	
response in the	4 🗌 FAMILY/FRIEND	
appropriate category.	5 OTHER (SPECIFY)	
outoge.y.	7 UNSURE	
	8 UNCLEAR RESPONSE	
	9 NO RESPONSE	

#### C. Access to Care

This next set of questions I am going to ask you have to do with some everyday activities, such as getting dressed and taking a bath.

	53.	Is there any special help that you need to take a bath or shower? (SPECIFY)
If respondent indicates any help is received from another person,		REVIEW RESPONSE ABOVE AND THEN CODE AS APPROPRIATE BELOW.
including cueing or standby assistance, check "Needs Help."		<ul> <li>NEEDS HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON</li> <li>DOES NOT NEED HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON → Skip to Q.56</li> <li>UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.56</li> <li>NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.56</li> </ul>
	54.	Do you ever go without a bath or shower when you need one?
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	55.	Is this because there is no one there to help you?
		1  YES 2  NO 7  UNSURE 8  UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9  NO RESPONSEnter text hereE

56. Is there any special help that you need to get dressed? (SPECIFY) If respondent indicates any help REVIEW RESPONSE ABOVE AND THEN CODE AS APPROPRIATE BELOW. is received from another person, NEEDS HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON including cueing 1 N or standby 2 ☐ DOES NOT NEED HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON → Skip to Q.59 assistance, check ☐ UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.59 "Needs Help." NO RESPONSE →Skip to Q.59 Do you ever go without getting dressed when you need to? 57. YES NO →Skip to Q.59 7 ☐ UNSURE → Skip to Q.59 UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.59 NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.59 58. Is this because there is no one there to help you? YES NO UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE

NO RESPONSE

59. Is there any special help that you need to get out of bed? (SPECIFY) If respondent indicates any help REVIEW RESPONSE ABOVE AND THEN CODE AS APPROPRIATE BELOW. is received from another person, NEEDS HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON including cueing 1 N or standby 2 ☐ DOES NOT NEED HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON → Skip to Q.62 assistance, check ☐ UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.62 "Needs Help." NO RESPONSE →Skip to Q.62 60. Do you ever go without getting out of bed when you need to? YES NO →Skip to Q.62 7 ☐ UNSURE → Skip to Q.62 UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.62 NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.62 61. Is this because there is no one there to help you? YES NO UNSURE **UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE** 

62. Is there any special help that you need to eat? (SPECIFY) If respondent indicates any help REVIEW RESPONSE ABOVE AND THEN CODE AS APPROPRIATE BELOW. is received from another person, NEEDS HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON including cueing or standby 2 ☐ DOES NOT NEED HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON → Skip to Q.65 assistance, check ☐ UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.65 "Needs Help." NO RESPONSE →Skip to Q.65 Do you ever go without eating when you need to? 63. YES NO →Skip to Q.65 7 ☐ UNSURE → Skip to Q.65 UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.65 NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.65 64. Is this because there is no one there to help you? YES NO UNSURE

**UNCLEAR RESPONSE** 

**NO RESPONSE** 

65. Is there any special help that you need to make your meals? (SPECIFY) If respondent indicates any help REVIEW RESPONSE ABOVE AND THEN CODE AS APPROPRIATE BELOW. is received from another person, including cueing NEEDS HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON or standby DOES NOT NEED HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON → Skip to Q.68 assistance, check UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.68 "Needs Help." NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.68 9 NOT APPLICABLE, TUBE FED → Skip to Q.71 95 Do you ever go without a meal when you need one? 66. YES NO → Skip to Q.68 UNSURE → Skip to Q.68 UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.68 NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.68 67. Is this because there is no one there to help you? YES 2  $\square$ NO UNSURE **UNCLEAR RESPONSE** NO RESPONSE

68. Is there any special help that you need to get groceries? (SPECIFY) If respondent indicates any help REVIEW RESPONSE ABOVE AND THEN CODE AS APPROPRIATE BELOW. is received from another person, NEEDS HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON including cueing П or standby 2 ☐ DOES NOT NEED HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON → Skip to Q.71 assistance, check ☐ UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.71 "Needs Help." NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.71 Are you sometimes unable to get groceries when you need them? 69. YES NO →Skip to Q.71 7 ☐ UNSURE → Skip to Q.71 UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.71 NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.71 Is this because there is no one there to help you? 70. YES NO UNSURE **UNCLEAR RESPONSE** NO RESPONSE

71. Is there any special help that you need to do housework? (SPECIFY) If respondent indicates any help REVIEW RESPONSE ABOVE AND THEN CODE AS APPROPRIATE BELOW. is received from another person, NEEDS HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON including cueing П or standby DOES NOT NEED HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON → Skip to Q.74 assistance, check ☐ UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.74 "Needs Help." NO RESPONSE →Skip to Q.74 72. Does the housework not get done sometimes? YES NO →Skip to Q.74 7 ☐ UNSURE → Skip to Q.74 UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.74 NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.74 Is this because there is no one there to help you? 73. YES NO UNSURE **UNCLEAR RESPONSE NO RESPONSE** 

74. Is there any special help that you need to do laundry? (SPECIFY) If respondent indicates any help REVIEW RESPONSE ABOVE AND THEN CODE AS APPROPRIATE BELOW. is received from another person, NEEDS HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON including cueing or standby DOES NOT NEED HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON → Skip to Q.77 assistance, check UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.77 "Needs Help." NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.77 Does the laundry not get done sometimes? 75. YES NO →Skip to Q.77 7 ☐ UNSURE → Skip to Q.77 UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.77 NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.77 Is this because there is no one there to help you? 76. YES NO UNSURE **UNCLEAR RESPONSE** 

**NO RESPONSE** 

	77.	Can you always get to the places you need to go, like work, snopping, the doctor's office, or a friend's nouse?
		1  YES 2  NO 7  UNSURE 8  UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9  NO RESPONSE
	78.	Is there any special help that you need to take medicine, such as someone to pour it or set up your pills? (SPECIFY
respondent idicates any help received from nother person, icluding cueing r standby ssistance, check Needs Help."		REVIEW RESPONSE ABOVE AND THEN CODE AS APPROPRIATE BELOW.  1
	79.	Do you ever go without taking your medicine when you need it?
		1
	80.	Is this because there is no one there to help you?
		1

81. Is there any special help that you need to get to or use the bathroom? (SPECIFY) If respondent indicates any help REVIEW RESPONSE ABOVE AND THEN CODE AS APPROPRIATE BELOW. is received from another person, NEEDS HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON including cueing 1 N or standby 2 ☐ DOES NOT NEED HELP FROM ANOTHER PERSON → Skip to Q.84 assistance, check ☐ UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.84 "Needs Help." NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.84 Are you ever unable to get to or use the bathroom when you need to? 82. YES NO →Skip to Q.84 7 ☐ UNSURE → Skip to Q.84 ☐ UNCLEAR RESPONSE → Skip to Q.84 NO RESPONSE → Skip to Q.84 83. Is this because there is no one there to help you? YES NO UNSURE UNCLEAR RESPONSE

NO RESPONSE

84.	Do these support staff spend all the time with you that they are supposed to?
	1  YES 2  NO 7  UNSURE 8  UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9  NO RESPONSE 95  NO HOME SUPPORT STAFF
85.	Have you ever talked with your case manager or support coordinator about any special equipment, or changes to your home, that might make your life easier?
	1
86.	What equipment or changes did you talk about? (SPECIFY)
87.	Did you get the equipment or make the changes you needed?
	1

#### **Community Integration/Inclusion** D.

The last few questions I'd like to ask you are about things you like to do in your community.

88.	Do you li	ke to go shopping, for things like clothes, books, or music?
	1	YES NO →Skip to Q.91 SOMETIMES UNSURE →Skip to Q.91 UNCLEAR RESPONSE →Skip to Q.91 NO RESPONSE →Skip to Q.91
89.	Do you g	o shopping?
	1	YES NO →Skip to Q.91 SOMETIMES UNSURE →Skip to Q.91 UNCLEAR RESPONSE →Skip to Q.91 NO RESPONSE →Skip to Q.91
90.	Do you h	elp pick where to go shopping?
	1 📗	YES

1	YES
2	NO
3	SOMETIMES
7	UNSURE
8	UNCLEAR RESPONSE
9	NO RESPONSE

91.	Do you like to go out to eat?
	1
92.	Do you go out to eat?
	1
93.	Do you get to help pick where you eat out?
	1 YES 2 NO 3 SOMETIMES 7 UNSURE 8 UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9 NO RESPONSE

1 2 3 7 8 9		YES NO →Skip to Q.97 SOMETIMES UNSURE →Skip to Q.97 UNCLEAR RESPONSE →Skip to Q.97 NO RESPONSE →Skip to Q.97
Who	o do y	you like to visit with? (SPECIFY)
Can	ı you	see this person/these people when you want?
1 2 3 7 8 9	you	see this person/these people when you want?  YES  NO  SOMETIMES  UNSURE  UNCLEAR RESPONSE  NO RESPONSE

98.	Do you get to do these things when you want?
	1  YES 2  NO 3  SOMETIMES 7  UNSURE 8  UNCLEAR RESPONSE 9  NO RESPONSE
99.	Is there anything else you want to talk to me about?

Thank you for talking with me today. I really appreciate all your help. If you need to talk to me again or have other questions, here is how you can reach me. INFORMAL PARTING OF YOUR CHOICE – GOOD-BYE, TAKE CARE, HANDSHAKE, ETC.

E.	Interviewer Comments and Observations
Were	the core questions used? (circle one) YES NO
What	amount of the questions did the program participant answer by him/herself?
	<ul> <li>□ ALL</li> <li>□ MOST</li> <li>□ ABOUT HALF</li> <li>□ SOME</li> <li>□ A FEW</li> <li>□ NONE</li> </ul>
Who e	else provided responses? (If applicable)